ADJOURNMENT MOTION.

PRESIDENT : I have received notice of an adjournment motion. It reads thus :—

> "I wish to move the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance namely, the nomination to the State Council of a member belonging to the Roman Syrian Community in the place of a Latin Catholic vacating the seat in the said Chamber."

I have to decide whether this motion is in order. In the first place, I think that, under Section 17 (*d*) of the Regulation, the subject which it is sought to discuss on the floor of the House has been excluded from the purview of the Assembly. There are rules framed under the Reforms Regulation and therefore no discussion on any matter covered by these rules is permissible. Moreover, I think this adjournment motion cannot be regarded as coming within the four corners of Section 47 in that I fail to see that the motion fulfils two vital conditions. The first condition is that the matter should be urgent. It has lost its urgency in that the nomination has already been made. In the second place, it ought to be a matter of public importance. I am not quite sure whether the consideration of the relative claims of two sub-communities of a community can be regarded as a matter of public importance or public interest. For these reasons, I rule the motion out of order.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET—(*contd.*)

PRESIDENT : The House will now proceed with the general discussion of the budget.

MR. CHANGANACHERY K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Kunnattur cum Pattanapuram*) : Sir, at the very outset, I have to bring to the notice of Government that the time allowed for discussion of the Budget and for voting on demands for grants in the Assembly is very inadequate. The two days allotted for the general discussion of the budget and the seven days for demands for grants were allotted under the old Legislative Council Regulation under which there were only 35 non-official members in the Council. Now, Sir, in the reformed Assembly there are 62 non-official members and therefore the time allotted is very too short and it does not give the members sufficient opportunity either to discuss the budget generally or to disscuss the policy of the different departments of Governments when the time for the demand for grant arises. I would therefore request the President to see that longer time is allotted for these items of work in the Assembly.

Now, coming to the budget itself, Sir, I am not inclined either to congratulate the Financial Secretary or to denounce him. He has produced his usual Budget adjusting the expenditure to the revenue so that the net result might be a surplus. He has shown neither any particular skill nor has he committed any particular folly in framing the budget. However he has concluded his speech with the remark that the financial condition of the State is unquestionably sound. This statement of his has been challenged by certain members in this Council very successfully and I agree with those members. But whether his hope of

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